



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

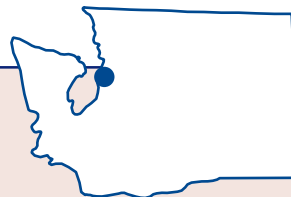
Public Health Seattle & King County, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Public Health Seattle & King County were selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located on Puget Sound in western Washington state, King County covers more than 2,200 square miles, making it nearly twice as large as the average county in the United States. With a population of 1,737,034, King County and the City of Seattle have witnessed a dramatic increase in the scourge of makeshift drug labs in the past decade. PHSKC's response to illegal drug labs, often set up in houses, motel rooms, garages, sheds, and other structures, has grown at a rate of about two per week, from fewer than 10 in 1995, to more than 100 in 2003. Seattle and King County are culturally diverse, with Hispanics and



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC) for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to help increase PHSKC's ability to provide prompt and complete assessments of illegal methamphetamine drug laboratories. The production of methamphetamine involves a variety of highly toxic, corrosive, and explosive chemicals. The grant is expected to cover the assessment of about 200 labs over a two-year period.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund," scroll down to "Related Programs" and click on "Brownfields"

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Pacific Islanders constituting the fastest growing ethnic groups. Languages other than English are spoken in more than 18 percent of homes in King County. Seattle has a federally designated Enterprise Community that includes the Duwamish Industrial Corridor, Central District, Rainier Valley, International District, and parts of downtown. Contamination resulting from methamphetamine drug lab activities has negative social, economic, and environmental impacts that the PHSKC hopes to mitigate using funds from this assessment grant.